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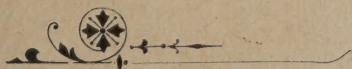
Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Brookfield

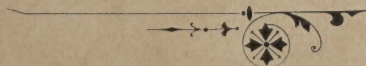
FOR THE YEAR

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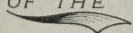


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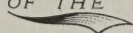
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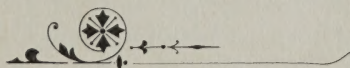
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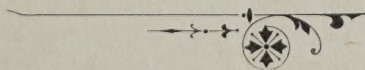
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TOWN OFFICERS 1903

Moderator—Dudley C Colman

Selectmen—Charles Churchill Robert L Chamberlain
Lester L Churchill

Town Clerk—John F Hackett

Town Treasurer—Dudley C Colman

Members of School Board—Charles Colman Charles
Willey Samuel M Allen

School Treasurer—Dudley C Colman

Collector of Taxes—Asa A Shortridge

Supervisors—John F Robinson Charles H Neal
Horace L Thomes

Library Trustees—Robert L Chamberlain Charles
Churchill Leon C Colman

Librarian—Mary E Colman

Health Officers—John F Robinson Charles Willey
Wilbur F Sanborn

Constable—Wilson Colman

Auditors—Charles Willey Henry Colman

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1904

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. s.] *To the Inhabitants of the town of Brookfield
qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said town on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ART. I. To choose all necessary town officers for the year or three years ensuing as the law requires.

ART. II. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for breaking the roads for the year ending February 15, 1904.

ART. III. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for school supplies for the ensuing year.

ART. IV. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of the public library the ensuing year.

ART. V. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of schools above that required by law the ensuing year.

ART. VI. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. VII. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for services of town officers the ensuing year.

ART. VIII. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of decorating soldiers' graves the ensuing year.

ART. IX. To see if the town will vote to have the town accounts printed and furnish each legal voter with a copy of the same, and if so, how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for the same.

ART. X. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to have a map of the highways of the town made in accordance with Chapter 133 of the laws passed January session, 1903, if required to do so by any state officer who has the authority to make such requirements, and if so, how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for the same.

ART. XI. To see if the town will vote to change the present system of managing the highways and divide the town into districts, and if so, how many districts they will divide the town into.

ART. XII. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February, 1904.

CHARLES CHURCHILL,
ROBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN,
Selectmen of Brookfield.

A true copy of town warrant—Attest :

CHARLES CHURCHILL,
ROBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN,
LESTER L. CHURCHILL,
Selectmen of Brookfield.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1903

To pay state tax	\$225 25
To pay county tax	397 00
For support of schools	318 00
For winter highway tax	637 90
For summer highway tax	350 00
For town expenses	150 00
For school supplies	50 00
For town library	15 90
For printing town accounts	14 00
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	\$2,158 05

PROPERTY OF TOWN FEB. 15, 1904

Town hall and lot and horse shed	\$1,000 00
Churchill school house and lot	500 00
Hackett school house and lot	500 00
Stoneham school house and lot	400 00
Public library and fixtures	200 00
Fixtures in town hall and school houses	100 00
Road machine	100 00
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	\$2,800 00

Cemetery on Lyford road

RECEIPTS

From Dudley C Colman, treasurer 1902	\$ 14 02
Dudley C Colman on note	100 00
County, pauper bill, E Bram	30 50
County, pauper bill, M Ricker	5 50
County, pauper bill, S Wentworth	24 00
County, pauper bill, J Sanborn	38 30
Town clerk, dog licenses	42 60
Selectmen, use of town hall	8 50
State, savings bank tax	245 66
State, railroad tax	45 42
State, literary fund	40 12
State, school fund	179 35
State, bounties refunded	75
Asa A Shortridge, collector for 1901	5 85
Asa A Shortridge, collector for 1903	2,259 57
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	\$3,040 14

EXPENDITURES

Paid Solon A Carter, state tax	\$225 25
Orlando Richardson, county tax	397 00
Dudley C Colman, school treasurer	498 85
Leon C Colman, library trustee	15 90
Charles Willey, school supplies	66 96
Road agents, winter highway bills 1902	637 90
Road agents, summer highway bills 1903	388 14
Road agents, extra highway bills	27 47
Town officers	221 90
Improvements on town cemetery	29 93
Supplies furnished paupers and soldiers	74 30
Miscellaneous bills	43 88
Asa A Shortridge, abatements 1903	27 80
Dudley C Colman, note and interest	105 07
Cash in hands of Dudley C Colman, treasurer	279 79
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	\$3,040 14

GENERAL STATEMENT

The town has no outstanding debts except pauper bill of	\$24 00
Cash in hands of Dudley C Colman, town treasurer, Feb. 15, 1904	\$279 79
Deduct above pauper bill	24 00
Balance in favor of town	<hr/> \$255 79



EXPENDITURES

STATE AND COUNTY TAX

Paid Solon A Carter, state tax	\$225 25
Orlando Richardson, county tax	397 00
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	\$622 25

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Paid Dudley Colman, school treasurer:	
Amount appropriated by law	\$318 00
Amount appropriated by state	98 45
Amount of literary fund	31 50
Amount from dog licenses	50 90
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	\$498 85

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Paid Charles Willey, member of school board for supplies for town schools	\$66 96
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LIBRARY

Paid Leon C Colman, library trustee, amount appropriated for new books	\$15 90
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IMPROVING TOWN CEMETERY

Paid Charles Babb, new wall	\$22 68
James L Cook, stone posts	2 00
Jay Runnels, irons for gate	2 50
Elihu Rines, cutting bushes, etc.	2 75
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	\$29 93

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS

Paid Dr. Haskell, medical services, Edward Bram	\$ 6 00
Lester Churchill, services for casket, Edward Bram	1 50
John Sanborn, attendance on Edward Bram	4 00
Charles Colman, services at funeral of Edward Bram	2 00
H N Nutter, digging grave for Edward Bram	2 00
A A Fox, casket for Edward Bram	15 00
Dr. Haskell, medical services, Mary Ricker	3 50
Rosetta Cilley, services for Mary Ricker	2 00
H N Nutter, supplies for John Sanborn	13 30
Garvin & Co., supplies for John Sanborn	25 00
	\$ 74 30

WINTER HIGHWAY BILLS ENDING FEB. 15, '03

Paid John F Wiggin, road agent, Hackett district	\$294 78
Henry W Peavey, road agent, Churchill district	125 04
Charles H Neal, road agent, Stoneham district	218 08
	\$637 90

SUMMER HIGHWAY BILLS FOR YEAR 1903

Paid John F Wiggin, Hackett district	\$135 82
James H Willey, Churchill district	101 97
John E Lang, Stoneham district	150 35
	\$388 14

EXTRA HIGHWAY BILLS

Paid Louise Tutt	\$ 60
Asa Ward	45
Horace L Thomes	2 25
John Robinson, Pike bridge	5 00
Charles Willey, timber for bridge	17 58
Frank Wentworth	1 59
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TOWN OFFICERS

Paid Charles Churchill, selectman	\$40 40
Robert L Chamberlain, selectman	27 00
Lester L Churchill, selectman	33 00
John F Hackett, town clerk	17 00
Dudley C Colman, town treasurer	20 00
Dudley C Colman, school treasurer	3 00
Asa A Shortridge, tax collector	19 50
John F Hackett, school clerk	3 00
Mary E Colman, librarian	10 00
Charles Colman, member school board	11 00
Charles Willey, member school board	10 00
Samuel M Allen, member school board	5 00
John F Robinson, supervisor	6 00
Charles H Neal, supervisor	6 00
Horace L. Thomes, supervisor	5 00
Wilson Colman, constable	2 00
Charles Willey	2 00
Henry Colman	2 00
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MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Paid F W Prindle, printing town accounts	\$14 00
Charles Willey, wood for town hall	4 00
Charles Churchill, money paid out	7 78

Paid John E Witham, decorating soldiers' graves	\$5 00
John F Hackett, report vital statistics	2 10
Charles F Cate, guard rails	1 00
Dr. Davis, report births and deaths	1 25
Dudley C Colman, report for printer	2 00
Walter Robinson, bounty on hedgehog	25
Raymond Cate, bounties on hedgehogs	50
James Willey, public water trough	3 00
Luther M Sanborn, public water trough	3 00
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	\$43 88

NOTE AND INTEREST

Paid Dudley C Colman, note and interest	\$105 07
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ABATEMENTS

ALLOWED ASA A SHORTRIDGE ON HIS LIST OF 1903

Martha Tibbets and Mary Tappan	\$8 44
Heirs of Spencer Wentworth	5 55
John Drew	5 95
James D Hutchins	2 48
Robert Smith	1 85
Heirs of George Warren	93
Daniel Fogg	1 85
Louise Tutt, on his list of 1902	75
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	\$27 80

Brookfield, Feb. 24, 1904.

Having carefully examined the foregoing accounts we find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

CHARLES WILLEY,
HENRY COLMAN,
Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

A large sum of money, in proportion to the size of our town, and the limited means of obtaining income, has been expended for schooling the past year, we hope with some good and enduring benefit to part, if not all, of the pupils registered in town. Education at the present day is of an entirely different character from what it was half a century ago, not differing so much in the general principles as in the essentials. Text books in class work are, and should be, largely discarded for a more practical system of communication between teacher and scholar. The teacher should be thoroughly competent to elucidate every point in the lesson with a closed text book. On asking a very thorough and successful teacher a few years ago if she confined herself in class recitations to the questions and answers as given in the text books. She replied, oh no! she did not want to fritter the time away in that way. And yet there is a standard in education. Civil Service has done much to establish a standard, and even brakemen on the railroad have to pass an examination for efficiency in their work. Much care should be exercised in the selection of teachers for ungraded school work, not only in regard to book qualifications, but in a thorough ability to impart knowledge to others in a practical manner, and at the same time all school teachers should possess the highest standard of moral character. A writer of the past week, referring to principles in the life of Washington, mentions three which should be thoroughly impressed upon the mind of every child and youth in the land. 1st. An unflinching regard for the truth. 2d. Making the best use of whatever environments surround and attend us. And lastly, a fixed principle of lifelong integrity and de-

votion in every department of life to which we may be called.

We need a deeper interest by parents in school work. Children need prompting and encouraging in regard to punctuality, perseverance and diligence. We suggest that parents turn over a new leaf, and where neglect has occupied the headline, write faithfulness.

Six terms have been maintained the past year—three in spring, three in fall. Four female teachers have been employed, Mrs. Quimby, Miss Orrell, Miss Fellows and Miss Avery.

Length of schools, average, 22 weeks for the year. Whole amount expended, \$461 41. Whole number of children enrolled Aug. 1, 1903, 64. Average amount expended for each pupil, \$7 20.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WILLEY,
SAMUEL M. ALLEN,
CHARLES COLMAN,

School Board of Brookfield.

Feb. 15, 1904.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIVED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

From Dudley C Colman, school treasurer 1902	\$ 27 25
Town, amount appropriated	318 00
State, amount appropriated	98 45
State, literary fund	31 50
Town clerk, dog licenses	50 90
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	\$526 10

PAID

Mary A Quimby, Churchill district	\$176 00
Jessie Orrell, Hackett district	60 00
Lena Avery, Hackett district	66 00
Anna P Fellows, Stoneham district	138 00
Charles Willey, wood, Churchill district	6 15
Charles Colman, repairs, Hackett district	2 50
S H Hutchins, wood, Hackett district	6 50
J F Robinson, repairs, Hackett district	1 00
S M Allen, wood, Stoneham district	5 25
Cash in hands of treasurer to balance	64 70
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	\$526 10

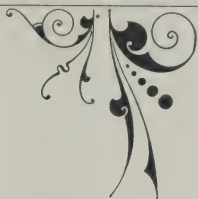
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HENRY COLMAN,

Auditors.





VITAL STATISTICS



Marriages Registered in the Town of Brookfield, New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS	COLOR OF EACH	PLACE OF BIRTH OF GROOM AND BRIDE OCCUPATION OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAMES OF PARENTS	WHAT MARRIAGE—FIRST, SECOND OR OTHER	NAME, OFFICIAL STATION AND RESIDENCE OF PERSONS BY WHOM MARRIED
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE						
March 8	Harry G Allen	24	ALL WHITE	Brookfield	Samuel M Allen	First	John Dearborn
Dedham Mass	Maud E Stevens	19		Laconia	Emma F Cummings	First	Clergyman Dedham Mass
May 10	Wilson Colman	29		Brookfield	Lilla J Robinson	First	George A Foss
Brookfield	Helene P Chamberlain	17		Brookfield	Charles Colman	First	Clergyman Wakefield
June 22	Henry Colman	33		Brookfield	Salome A Cotton	First	George W Bicknell
Cambridge	Harriet Selena Ford	33		Postal Clerk	Robert L Chamberlain	First	Cambridge Mass
Sept. 19	Samuel A Remick	21		Mass	Gertrude Hanson	First	John F Robinson
Brookfield	Cora Nason	21		Typewriter	Charles Colman	First	Justice of Peace Brookfield
				Brookfield	Thomas B Ford	First	
				Housework	Amanda E Rundlet	First	
				Housework	Mark Remick	First	
				Housework	Eleanor E Young	First	
				Housework	Hardy Nason	First	
				Housework	Lucinda Nason	First	

Births Registered in the Town of Brookfield, New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	MALE OR FEMALE	LIVING OR STILLBORN	NUMBER OF CHILD	COLOR	NAMES OF PARENTS	AGE OF FATHER	AGE OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF PARENTS	RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION OF FATHER
February 25 Brookfield	Levi	f	1		ALL WHITE	Walter Campbell	20	17	Wolfeboro	Brookfield Laborer
July 11 Brookfield		m	1			Carrie M Ellis	34		Straford	Eaton
October 25 Brookfield	Lewis E	m	1			Milton S Towle	32	24	Eaton	Farmer
November 25 Brookfield	Forest M	m	1			Mary L Wentworth	25	27	Brookfield	Brookfield Farmer
December 15 Brookfield		f	1			Everett J Tibbetts	25	23	Wakefield	Brookfield Farmer
						Susie L Weeks	25	26	Brookfield	Brookfield Farmer
						Martin H Eaton			Stowe Me	Brookfield Laborer
						Florence L Elkins			Brookfield	
						Fred Garland			Brookfield	
						Hattie M West			Brookfield	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Brookfield, New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

DATE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF DECEASED AND PLACE OF BIRTH	AGE			MALE OR FEMALE	COLOR	MARRIED SINGLE OR WIDOWED	OCCUPATION	NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS						
March 10 Brookfield	Peter Cook	79	2	11	m	ALL WHITE	m		Thomas Cook	Mary Safford
May 29 Brookfield	Joanna Lang	82	5	6	f		w		Joseph Drew	Bethiah York
June 21 Brookfield	Edward Bram	75			m					
July 10 Brookfield	Ida Smith	42	2	27	f		m		Nathaniel Foss	Abigail B Johnson
Dec 9 Brookfield	Mary A Lang	58	2	11	f		s		Henry Lang	Caroline Drew

Town Clerk's Certificate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Marriages, Births and Deaths are correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOHN F. HACKETT, Town Clerk.

